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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: Signal Sequences for Preparing
Leu-Hirudin by Secretion by *E. coli*
Into the Culture Medium

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of Applicants' knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

In lieu of a translation or statement of relevance of the non-English documents, the following are provided:

1. EPO 0 324 712 A2: U.S. Patent No. 5,180,668, which is believed to be an English language counterpart, is provided.

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2. EPO 0 448 093 A2: U.S. Patent No. 5,919,895, which is believed to be an English language counterpart, is provided.

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